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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

**DATE:** February 5, 2013  
**TO:** Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
**FROM:** Ben Brancel, Secretary *T. Brancel BB*  
**SUBJECT:** Conservation Awards

**PRESENTED BY:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** This is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

**SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:**

The USDA's Natural Resource and Conservation Service administers the Conservation Stewardship Program, a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by; undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining and managing existing conservation activities.

At the board meeting Secretary Brancel will recognize three farmers in the state that were rated the best through their numeric score by the NRCS.

The farmers are:

David Meyer, Pierce County  
Heather Flashinski, Chippewa County  
John Thomas and Kathy Ruggles, Dunn County

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